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September 1, 2016

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P.O. Box 47250
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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. ABC Movers Seattle, LLC*

Commission Staff's Response to Application for Mitigation of Penalties TV-160610

Dear Mr. King:

On June 28, 2016, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$1,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket TV-160610 against ABC Movers Seattle, LLC for 10 violations of Washington Administrative Code (WAC 480-15-480), which requires household good moving companies to furnish annual reports and the regulatory fee to the commission no later than May 1 each year, or in this case, May 2 as May 1 was a Sunday.

On August 19, 2016, ABC Movers Seattle, LLC wrote the commission requesting mitigation of penalties. Additionally, the Company indicated that they enclosed \$1,022.60 to pay the penalty. It should be noted that the regulatory fee for this Company was \$1,022.60. This amount is what they paid. The penalty is still outstanding. In its mitigation request, ABC Movers Seattle, LLC does not dispute the violation occurred. ABC Movers Seattle, LLC did not provide a written statement.

It is the company's responsibility to ensure that the regulatory fee is paid and the annual report is filed by the May 1 deadline, or in this case, May 2 as May 1 was a Sunday. On February 29, 2016, Annual Report packets were mailed to all regulated household good moving companies. The instruction page informs the regulated company that it must complete the annual report form, provide the supporting financial reporting documents and pay the regulatory fees, and return the materials by May 2, 2016, to avoid enforcement action.

On September 1, 2016, ABC Movers Seattle, LLC filed a complete annual report.

ABC Movers Seattle, LLC became an active company in 2014 and has zero violations of WAC 480-15-480. The company did not respond within 15 days, nor did the Company provide a

written statement. However, this is a newer company and as such, it is staff's recommendation that the penalty be reduced to \$25 per day for a total penalty assessment of \$250.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Sean Bennett, Regulatory Analyst, at (360) 664-1157, or sbennett@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Sondra Walsh, Director
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